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**Spying is not sexy;
deceit is no game**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — For more than 50 years, the FBI has gathered intelligence about subversive organizations and individuals, and innumerable court decisions have upheld its necessity and legality.

Because of a few overzealous investigators and abridgments of privacy rights, the CIA and FBI have for 20 years been favored targets for reductions and restrictions. Now that our security apparatus is demoralized and nearly dismantled, we're paying the price.

In 1973, the FBI had more than 21,000 domestic security cases under review, but by 1982 they were investigating fewer than 100 cases.

To rejuvenate the much-needed work of the FBI and CIA, Congress must reaffirm a national commitment to maintain a strong intelligence and security service — with careful safeguards for civil liberties — as an indispensable part of our national defense programs.

Part of the threat posed by the communist spy network is simply a numbers problem. There are 310 Soviets working for the United Nations in New York and another 330 at the Soviet "diplomatic mission" there. All have diplomatic immunity from our laws.

John Barron, in *KGB Today: The Hidden Hand*, recommends, "The United States should reassert sovereignty and inform the United Nations that it may no longer employ

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legions of Soviet-bloc spies on American territory, that it must insist employees obey the law of the host country.

"If the United Nations finds such conditions too onerous, then it can relocate its headquarters to a more hospitable land. Perhaps after (40) years in America, U.N. delegates would enjoy the achievements of socialism in Moscow or a life in East Germany behind the security of the Berlin wall."

James Bond has spoiled the image of spying. His creators made a treacherous business appear to be a glamorous game. In the real world, foreign spies rely on domestic turncoats for much of their information. And traitors are not sexy, nor is their deceitful sell-out of the USA merely a game. Communist spies and their dupes are a dangerous threat to our freedom.

Soviet espionage, assassination, and technology theft are nothing new. Their schemes have been uncovered for over 60 years. Now, however, as we're inundated with such exposes as assassination plots against the pope and terrorist conspiracies right here in the USA, there is an urgent need to support new security measures and to investigate and severely punish those who are organizing a fifth column in our midst.